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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the specification and claims as amended in this Preliminary Amendment for examination purposes. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicants bring to the attention of the Office that Article 34 Amendments were filed in PCT Application No. PCT/JP2005/004310. However, the Article 34 Amendments are not submitted herein and will not be submitted. As such, in accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(5) and 35 U.S.C. § 371 (d), the Article 34 Amendments shall be regarded as cancelled. The instant Preliminary Amendment amends the specification and claims as recited in the enclosed English-language translation of the PCT application.

CONCLUSION

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary

Amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0573. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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